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	Aristotelis M. Psitos	2627	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The submitted IDS documents have been reviewed and made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11-283283.

The examiner is supplying a MAT (machine assisted translation) of the above JP document for applicants' representative's convenience.

As far as the examiner ascertains from the claims, they are met by the entire document. The system describes an electron beam lithographic recording capability for multiple tracks using deflection ability – see for instance the disclosure in the MAT starting at paragraph 63 and continuing till paragraph 75 for instance. The examiner interprets the 360 degree roll to be inherently present, i.e., required in order to completely record a single track along the entire surface of the record medium.

The method limitations of claims 1-3 are present when the above apparatus operates.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

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1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1, 2, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Kim.

Kim discloses in this environment the ability of having the beam deflected in order for the recording of multiple tracks; -see for example the discussion with respect to figures 11 and 12.

The examiner interprets the movement/rotation of the disc discussed as meeting the claimed phrase "360 degree roll".

If applicant can convince the examiner that such is not inherently present, then under 103 considerations the examiner relies upon any of the references to Kumasaka et al as teaching such.

It would have been obvious to modify the base system of Kim with the additional "360 degree roll" teaching from any of the secondary documents, motivation is to yield a completely record surface.

Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claims 1,2 and 4 above, and further in view of either Tsukuda et al for teaching the use of an electron beam in this environment.

It would have been obvious to modify the base system as relied upon above with respect to claims 1, 2 and 4 and modify such with the additional teaching from either of the Tsukuda et al systems; motivation is to use the Tsukuda et al systems for their inherent abilities and ease of user interface.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited systems to Kumasaka et al all meet the above claimed limitations, and are commonly owned. Nevertheless they can be relied upon in rejecting the above claims, note the discussion with respect to the deflection of the electron beam for multiple track formations.

Kojima et al – also discloses an electron beam deflection system for manufacturing concentric tracks – hence it also anticipates the claimed invention -applicant's attention is drawn to the discussion of such see for instance the disclosure of fig. 3 starting at col. 3, line 50.

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Formato et al also discloses a concentric manufacturing capability for mag. discs.

Liu et al is another rotational scanning system for the formation of tracks.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aristotelis M. Psitos whose telephone number is (571) 272-7594. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur: 6:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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